

HC-1 Rescue

This was Kent's reply to my e-mail to him:

Hey Frank - We had one crewman, if you hadn't asked I'd know his name, it's one of those "on the tip of my tongue" things. It'll come to me, I think.

Wes and I talked the Adm into letting us work from the Galvaston. We wanted to follow the strikes up and down the coast. One of the A-4 jocks went down in downtown Haiphong, we passed on that one. John Harris was next, he was far enough from town to go for it.

No Tommy guns, grease guns, etc. At the last minute somebody pushed a BAR into the helo that nobody knew how to use.

We weren't flying "UH2B's" whatever they are, we were flying the HU-2K (?) called the "Hookie Took" a Kaman product.

"Gorman," was the crewman's name, "Gorman," I'm sure, well, 95% sure.

We dumped fuel to get light enuf to pick him up, inadvertently on the N Vietnamese troops coming up the hill. Some small arms, lots of AAA, only one bullet hole in the helo. The Spads soaked up a lot of small arms fire.

Yes, "Gorman," now I'm 98% sure. Wes will know.

"Gorman," fer sure, "Gorman."

Later,

Kent